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WHO'S FOOT IS THIS?

Human Foot Found in Possession of a Dog, the Origin of Which is Wrapped in Mystery.

A left human foot walked up the back stairway of the Sharp building Monday forenoon, but it was carried by four canine feet and held tightly in the canine's jaws.

Dr. Thomas met the dog just then and arrested the predatory cur and gave the weary foot a rest. It now reposes from its ghostly march on a table in the back room of the doctor's office and was viewed with curiosity by many persons during the week.

The doctor makes a business of taking dead things out of the mouths of humans, but the taking of such an uncanny thing as a human foot out of the mouth of a dog was an entirely new experience for him in dental surgery.

The foot has been amputated just above the ankle, and has the appearance of having been dissected and preserved in alcohol. The skin, adipose tissue and muscles have been removed and only the bones, ligaments and tendons remain. The entire foot is intact except the os calcis, and it may have been amputated because of necrosis of the bone.

Whose foot it is, or was, is a mystery yet unsolved. Its origin and history is shrouded in gloom. Some things are certain and others are matters of mere conjecture. It was once a baby's foot, either boy or girl, and as the little one sat on the floor while the watchful mother was at her housework, it played with that foot, and, possibly, tried to suck one of those ghastly toes. Later on it learned to walk, toddled, stumbled, fell; got up on its paws again; succeeded, walked, ran, jumped. While in the gay and sportive period of youth it went a-courting or was courted; perhaps accepted the invitation of L'Allegre, "Come and trip it as you go on the light fantastic toe."

It walked in the paths of virtue or with the throngs along the boulevards of sin. It suffered—for one of the toes shows the work of the torture of the shoemaker—a corn. Its owner was foolish, wanted to be fashionable and wore tight shoes. It fell a victim to some disease, the doctor got in his bill and finally got out his knife and saw. Who saw the saw sever this pedestal from the suffering sinner is a secret sealed in the silence of the sepulcher.

Will some one rise to explain?

Doesn't Want Coyote Bounty Abolished. "That's all wrong about my proposing to do away with the bounty on coyotes. I won't introduce a bill of that kind, you can put that down for the benefit of those fellows in western Kansas. I say the coyotes are the natural enemy of the prairie dog, but they are both terrors to the cattleman and must both go."

"I stick to my original idea," continued Representative Stephen Cave, to a Topeka Journal representative, "that the dogs can be inoculated with some kind of a disease, to communicate from one to the other, and thus wipe them out by introducing a pestilence into the dog towns. President Nichols, of the Agricultural college at Manhattan, agrees that this method will kill them off. I was out to see him Saturday."

For the County High School. Representative F. H. Smith has introduced a bill in the house the object of which is to establish a county high school in Sherman county.

A petition requesting Mr. Smith to work for the passage of the measure was circulated in the county several weeks ago and a large number of taxpayers seemed favorable to the proposed school. Mr. Smith urged the circulation of the petition so as to learn the sentiment regarding the proposition before taking any action in the matter.

Legislation Asked By a Populist. Representative Bucklin, of Thomas county, one of the strong populist members of the house has introduced a bill providing for the levy of taxes for school districts, the purpose of which is to strengthen the week school districts so as to enable each one of them to have a six-months' term of school. Mr. Bucklin has also introduced a bill for the protection of threshers. While laborers receive protection, the thresher on account of his use of a machine has none against dishonest debtors. The bill of Mr. Bucklin is to give the thresher a lien for the price of his work, on the grain threshed by him. A third and more important bill introduced by Mr. Bucklin is aimed at the grain-dealers association. It provides for the prohibition of combines among persons or corporations engaged in buying or selling grain and provides fine and imprisonment as the penalty for violation.

Services will be held at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. Ed Stevens.

DEATH OF MRS. NELLIE DAY.

Home of Mrs. Fry Twice Visited By Death Within a Few Days and Only Member of Family Is Removed.

Mrs. Nellie G. Day, daughter of Mrs. S. G. Fry, passed away at the home of her mother Tuesday morning at five o'clock. The home of Mrs. Fry has been sadly bereaved within the past few days, the death of Mrs. Day following so closely upon the death of Mr. Fry, which occurred January 11.

The illness which terminated fatally to Mrs. Day was only of a week's duration, and although it was known that she was severely ill, yet her death was not expected. During the sickness of Mr. Fry it is thought she overtaxed her strength in assisting in his care, which brought on an attack of nervous prostration, combined with the la-grippe. This is given as the cause of death.

The death of Mrs. Day is an unusually sad one and her taking away brought forth many tender expressions of sympathy for the bereaved mother and children. Her death removes the only member of Mrs. Fry's family, the other daughter having died last August at her home in Minneapolis, Minn., and takes away from the daughter and little son the only parent, their father having died several years ago. Besides her mother, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Day leaves a young daughter, Georgia, and son, Burnham.

Mrs. Day was 35 years of age and was born in Union county, Ohio, August 29, 1865. She lived in Minneapolis, Minn., for a long time and came to Goodland in 1890. She returned here last summer after a few years' absence which she spent in Minneapolis. The memory of her untiring care and earnest striving for the welfare of her children and aged mother will shine forever with a strange and sacred radiance which time can never dim, because they were all for love's sweet sake.

"Rest to the weary spirit; Peace to the quiet dead."

The funeral services were held from the home Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock and were largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. J. Ed Stevens, of the Christian church, and burial was in the Goodland cemetery.

Condolences.

I do not have it nor do I want it, but if I had it I would not sell it for a million dollars. A bald head.

What card in the game of euchre is never trumped? The left bower.

Why is a mad man like two men. Because he is a man beside himself.

Why is a short negro like a white man? Because he is not a tall black. When has a man four hands? When he doubles his fists.

Why are fowls the most economical things farmers can keep? Because for every grain they give a peck.

What is the proper length of a ladies skirt? A little over two feet.

Why is a burglar generally comfortable? Because he takes things easily.

Why is it not possible to legally convict a deaf man? Because it is not lawful to condemn a man without a hearing.

Preliminary to the Event. His mother—"You know, Harold, it hurts me just as much as it hurts you." Harold—"Yes b-but you d-d-don't have to s-sit down on the p-p-plaid afterward."—Pick-Me-Up.

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WAS A NONAGENARIAN.

Death Removes Joseph Crookford, Who Lived Nearly a Century—Was Born in New Jersey in 1803.

Joseph Crookford, the oldest man in Sherman county if not in the state of Kansas, died Sunday afternoon about two o'clock at his home in Goodland. Had he lived two years longer he would have reached the century mark. He would have been 98 years of age next Sunday.

He was taken ill over a week ago with la-grippe and his enfeebled condition and advanced age could not withstand the disease. Eleven years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis which deprived him of the power of speech, but the attack did not affect his limbs and he was able to walk about town until he was taken with the illness that resulted in his death.

Joseph Crookford was born in Mount Holly, N. J., January 27, 1803. He was married in Ohio in 1840 to Miss Mary Friday, who still survives him. Eight children were born to them, six of whom are still living. Only two children were present at the funeral, a daughter, Mrs. Ellen Canaga, and a son, J. L. Crookford, of this county.

Many years ago he joined the Christian church and was a member of that society when he died. In 1862 he enlisted in the Twenty-sixth Michigan volunteer infantry and served one year, being discharged on account of disability received from exposure while standing guard at Colfax Court House, Va. He came to Kansas in 1887 and has since been a resident of Sherman county.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Woodward conducting the services. The G. A. R. organization was in attendance and the escort and pall bearers were veterans of the civil war.

Death Comes to Old Age.

Mrs. Harriette Webb, an aged widow and mother of W. B. Webb, of Ruleton, with whom she has made her home for some years, died last Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Heart failure, together with la-grippe, is given as cause of death. She was about 70 years of age. Mrs. Webb is mother of George Webb, of Lincoln, Neb., formerly of Goodland, and Fred Webb, who formerly lived here.

The funeral services were held Sunday at the New Liberty school house and were in charge of Rev. Woodward. Burial was in the Goodland cemetery.

Miss Cuthbertson Married.

Miss Pearl Cuthbertson, formerly a school teacher of this county, was married to Jerome Knowles at Chillicothe, Mo., January 9. Miss Cuthbertson is the daughter of M. D. Cuthbertson, of Goodland.

Morris-Lee.

William Morton Morris, of Pueblo, Col., and Mrs. Elizabeth Agnes Lee, of St. Louis, were married Wednesday evening by Rev. Woodward. The groom is chief operator in the Rio Grande offices at Pueblo, where they will make their home.

You Know What You are Taking. When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. 50c.

TOLD IN A LINE.

For trunks, valises, telescopes, a big assortment at the Wizard's.

George Bradley is gathering up a carload of choice horses which he will ship to the Kansas City market.

A. L. Collins is extending his billiard hall 24 feet to the rear. It will be one story and will be used as a saloon.

Before ending the war in South Africa again the British would do well to consult the Boers, who appear to have something to say in the matter.

The girl with the Auburn hair may make a hit in Kansas City, but the girl with the Belgian hare, according to the Florence Bulletin, is the winner in central Kansas.

Herbicide should be used to enrich and purify the blood; it cures all forms of blood disorders, is especially useful in fevers, skin eruptions, boils, pimples, blackheads, scrofula, salt rheum and every form of blood impurity; it is a safe and effectual cure. Price 50c.—W. Ennis.

Charles Buschow, of Colby, was in the city Wednesday. He was repudiated for state senator at the late election and was defeated by Selden G. Hopkins. He has contested Mr. Hopkins' seat and hopes to win the place with the aid of the republican members of the legislature. Hopkins majority was 40 votes.

An exchange on trusts says: "And while we are on the subject of trusts, there is the corner trust. That has undoubtedly come to stay," and think of the people it has "squeezed." It goes to "waist," but sometimes it is hard to get around it. In spite of the money behind it is generally on the verge of "burst." But there is one thing that can be said for it—it is distinct and at all times "anti-expansion."

RAILROAD SPIKES.

Ben Joseph and wife were at Denver Sunday.

J. W. Thomas left Saturday evening for Liberal, Kan.

Engineer Sam Class is off duty owing to an attack of grip.

Engineer Tapper has recovered from his injuries and has returned to work.

Conductor Denney was off a trip this week and Conductor Copley had his car.

Engineer James Griffin, of the Denver run, came down to Goodland Sunday night.

Brakeman C. H. Dewelle, who has been sick in Denver, returned to Goodland Friday.

Brakeman D. M. Keefe has resigned. He has returned to his home in Colorado Springs.

Brakeman W. J. McAllister is confined to his room at the Depot hotel sick with la-grippe.

Engineer Ed. Carmichael went to Denver Monday to receive treatment for facial paralysis.

Brakeman McAllister returned Saturday from Colorado Springs where he was laid up sick a few days.

Roadmaster C. B. Lane was up from Phillipsburg Monday paying off the extra gang for putting up ice.

F. S. Crane, of Atchison, is an apprentice in the machine shops. He is a brother of Mrs. Henry Adams.

Fireman Axle G. Stephenson will remove to Denver soon, having been assigned to the Denver-Limon run.

Engineer Tom Kelly was transferred to the Denver passenger run owing to the illness of Engineer Joe Berry.

Superintendent F. C. Smith, of Colorado Springs, spent Tuesday night here on business connected with his office.

Engineer Lon Patrick left Saturday morning for Chicago to attend a conference of engineers with officers of the road.

W. P. Collup, a brakeman of the Roswell Pueblo run, has taken a run on the local between Goodland and Phillipsburg.

Engineer Ed. Carmichael is suffering from paralysis of the face. One eye is affected so that he has been unable to close it.

C. S. Gillespie, of Topeka, representative of the Standard Insurance company, was looking after business among railroad men this week.

Machinist Theodore Kribs resigned Monday and has gone to Cheyenne, Wyo., to accept a similar position with the Union Pacific.

Conductor E. J. Tippens returned from Hot Springs, Ark., Sunday morning and has returned to work. He is much improved in health.

A few of the extra brakemen will be transferred from Goodland to Herington to take the place of trainmen who are going on the Liberal extension.

Tom Pickenpaugh, formerly a fireman on this division, is here this week meeting acquaintances. He has been on a ranch near Kit Carson, Col., since last August.

W. M. Morris and sister, of Pueblo, arrived in Goodland Tuesday night. The sister went on east and he returned to his post as chief operator of the Rio Grande offices at Pueblo.

Roadmaster W. E. Bogart, of the west end, made a trip from Roswell to Goodland Monday on his gasoline velocipede. He returned on Tuesday. He can make from 20 to 30 miles per hour on the machine.

Yesterday morning's mail brought us an intimation of the first annual ball of the Prairie View Division, O. & N. P., at Goodland, February 14. The conductors will spare nothing to make this the swiftest affair of the kind ever held in Goodland. We hope arrangements can be made to run a special to accommodate those who go from here.

—Phillipsburg News.

A lady called at H. H. Auer & Son's the other day to buy some canned goods. She selected a brand manufactured by the John Boyle Canning company and while the man behind the counter was wrapping up the package the lady inquired: "Is this our John Boyle, the trainmaster?" "No, m'am," came the response from the polite clerk, "this John Boyle cans vegetables, while our John Boyle cans brakenmen."

Conductor Courtney did not make his usual run from Kansas City to this place last Saturday night. The fore part of the week he carried "Nigger" Williams, an engineer, from Clay Center to Kansas City without transportation and the brass collar was informed, with the result of "Smoky Joe" getting the bounce. This is the first instance on record that we know of where a conductor has been fired for carrying a railroad man. It is thought that Mr. Courtney will be "reinstated" and we hope he will be, and when he gets back on again we trust his large heart will not get him into any more trouble.

—Phillipsburg News.

The railroad bill introduced in the Kansas senate this week by Senator Cullison, of Wyandotte county, is aimed directly at "double heading." It seeks to abolish the practice in the state, and is the measure which Kansas railroad men announced some time ago would be presented to the legislature as a result of the Santa Fe and other western roads inaugurating the "tonnage" system in the handling of freight.

The bill is entitled "An act providing for the safety of the traveling public and to protect the lives and limbs of railway employees," and it makes it unlawful for any railway to operate a train of more than five cars without a full train crew, and one additional brakeman for every ten cars in excess of thirty cars. "Barr specials" on the Santa Fe often number eighty and ninety cars.

Under the new accident insurance plan on the Union Pacific, the company will bear a portion of the cost of policies taken out by employees. One

third of the premiums on policies held by conductors, engineers, firemen, brakemen, baggage men, switchmen, yard foremen, and bridge and building employees will be paid by the management, and one-fourth of the premiums on policies held by other employees, the cost of the insurance being lower in the less hazardous positions.

In connection with the scheme arrangement has been made whereby employees are given the opportunity of paying their share of the premiums monthly, the company believing this system to be the easiest on the men. The plan is entirely different from that in effect on any other road, and employees of the Union Pacific generally are said to be well pleased with it.

When the Rock Island extension from Liberal, Kan., to White Oaks, New Mexico, is completed, that road will have the longest stretch of straight track of any railroad in the world. According to the survey which has been approved the road will extend a distance of 120 miles without a single curve. The remarkable tangent will lie in Oklahoma and Texas, where the country is practically devoid of engineering difficulties, presenting nothing that resembles a heavy grade. For many years the Great Northern has held first place in the railway world for operating the longest single piece of straight track, a distance of sixty miles. The Rock Island stretch will be just twice as long and will likely never be discounted in the building of any future line. The attention of railroad men throughout the country will be attracted by this wonderful piece of road, as it is almost beyond belief that railroad track can be built for a distance of 120 miles in a perfectly straight line.

FEARS OF SMALL POX.

Considerable Uneasiness Is Felt That the Dread Disease May Soon Reach Goodland.

Nearly all of the counties surrounding Sherman county have had a number of cases of small pox during the past few months, and owing to the fact that a case is reported from the Chiburg home, in Wallace county, near the Sherman county line, the disease has been the topic of considerable comment in Goodland this week, and fears are entertained that unless care is taken the disease may soon break out here.

At Sharon Springs several cases are reported and stringent quarantine regulations are said to exist there in hopes the disease may be wiped out. Over in Rawlins county the disease has been raging several weeks and one fatality resulted. Norton has a case and many other near-by places report cases.

It appears that the disease is in a mild form and in some cases where it is supposed to exist there is a difference of opinion among doctors, some claiming that it is not small pox, but a disease called Cuban chicken pox. Any way, necessary precaution should be taken, and it would be well to be vaccinated.

"If the disease should break out in Goodland," said a citizen the other day, "what would we do for a pest house? The county jail might be used as it is vacant now, but if a guest of that institution was obtained while the jail was being used as a small pox hospital, the culprit would no doubt make a vigorous protest in being incarcerated there. Nor would I blame him."

The following from the Denver News tells of a dog that belongs to the "Man of Mystery" show, which was seen here recently. The dog was with the troupe when they appeared here.

The Denver paper says: "The St. Bernard dog reported to be worth \$5,000, and which was seized by Constable Filkins of Hynes' court on Saturday for a debt of \$40, demanded by Miss Cora Winters of Frank Leary and A. H. Hogan, the dog's owners, spent the day yesterday in duration. For the first time in his life the star actor of "The Man of Mystery" company was behind the bars. The captivity was only theoretical for in reality the dog gambled about in the veterinary stable of Dr. Dunlavy and had his fat porterhouse and dog biscuits the same as ever. Several persons called on the dog yesterday, among them Miss Winters herself. Dr. Dunlavy will act as custodian for the dog until the suit for the \$40 debt is settled."

Change in Landlords.

The Commercial hotel has a reputation for having a greater number of landlords than any other hostelry in Goodland. To sustain this reputation the house changed in management again Monday, J. C. Barnett retiring, and W. C. Vincent, of Arapahoe, Neb., assuming the duties of landlord. Mr. Barnett has conducted the house only a few months.

A Skimmery in the Country.

A skimming station will be in operation on the McAdams place, in the northeast part of the county, about March 1. The Continental Creamery company will put in the plant. The cream will be taken to Brewster three times a week where it will be shipped to the company's creamery at Belleville. It is thought that milk from three hundred cows will be furnished the skimmery at the start.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Phil Volke has gone to Denver. E. Sater left Sunday night for a visit to Iowa.

Probate Judge G. L. Calvert was at Colby Wednesday.

John E. Rule, of Clayton, Kan., was in Goodland Tuesday.

Lige Brinkley, of Missouri, is here this week to buy mules.

J. B. Armitage, of Jaqua, Kan., was at the Commercial Tuesday.

Miss Bertha Luther was at Denver this week the guest of relatives.

F. I. Jones has gone to Topeka and he may conclude to move there.

Dan Crow, of Oberlin, was in the city this week the guest of relatives.

The Fortnightly club will meet this evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ernst.

J. W. Knight, of Wilcox, Neb., was a guest at the Commercial Tuesday.

Newton Crow left Sunday morning for a visit to his son at Hubbel, Neb.

Cattlemen Yokes and Smith, of Sharon Springs, were in Goodland Saturday.

H. L. Brown and E. F. Langdon, of Wallace, Kan., were in Goodland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aten have gone to housekeeping in the Adams residence.

Mrs. W. Swearingen left Saturday evening for Topeka where she will visit relatives.

G. F. Hodgkinson has been seriously ill with heart trouble combined with la-grippe.

John Dooling, of Chicago, is here visiting relatives. He is accompanied by his wife.

Earl White, proprietor of the corner barber shop, is confined to his room with la-grippe.

J. T. Jones, of Burlington, Col., was stopping at the Commercial hotel Sunday and Monday.

W. A. Rome, of St. Louis, and A. Logan, of North Carolina, were at the Commercial Monday.

Prof. Wileman and Prof. Collins were at Kanorado last night to furnish music for a grand ball.

John Sloop, of the Teeter's cattle ranch, spent a few days in Goodland this week with relatives.

T. J. Davis, of Narke, Kan., was here to buy stock. He did not buy any, and returned to his home Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Cox returned to her home in Pueblo Monday morning after a visit with relatives in Goodland.

Lee Conquest, of Decatur county, has located on the Clayton ranch and will stock the place with sheep.

Mrs. J. N. Lamb, of Bethune, Col., was in Goodland Wednesday and Thursday having some dental work done.

C. H. Tressel, of St. Francis, was in Goodland Saturday. He is the son of E. B. Tressel, well known in Sherman county.

Miss Dottie Thomas resumed her school near Ruleton after a two weeks' vacation caused by the illness of Miss Thomas.

Mrs. J. T. Joyce went to Pueblo Sunday. Mr. Joyce has a run as passenger conductor between that place and Phillipsburg.

Dr. Brown, of Kansas City, arrived in Goodland yesterday and will locate here. He will have an office over Ennis' drug store.

Amos G. Smith and F. M. Fox left for Kansas City Wednesday night. They intend to purchase two carloads of young cattle.

Dr. G. R. Brown, of Kansas City, Mo., arrived in Goodland yesterday morning. He will engage in the practice of medicine here.

Mrs. Mattie McCurdy and daughter, Iola, left Tuesday for their home in Alma, Ok., after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barnett.

Mrs. J. W. Paack and daughter, Miss Blanche Paack, have gone to Pueblo where Mrs. Paack will take baths at the mineral springs in hopes that it will relieve rheumatic troubles.

Tom Critchfield, of Cripple Creek, a brother of Fireman Vado Critchfield, was in town Saturday. He has been spending several weeks on Dick Morris' ranch in Wallace county.

Charley Collier has left the Depot hotel. He was employed as night clerk but was compelled to resign owing to a frightened condition, the result of shooting at a man and missing him a few nights ago.

The Salina Union contained a picture of Fred Warner, of this city, in its last issue. He is president of the Oratorical society at the Wesleyan university and presided at the oratorical contest held at the college last week.

J. N. Traft, of Topeka; J. G. Goodrich, of Belleville, Kan.; R. G. Flory, of Chicago; A. Alquist, of Omaha; Charles Buschow, of Colby; W. E. McCulloch, of St. Francis; N. L. Monson, of Omaha, were at the Commercial yesterday.

Travelingman H. Roberts and son, Allen, left Saturday for Clifton, Kan., where they will make their home for the present. Two of Mr. Roberts' children are staying with Mrs. Henry Geyer, of Edison. Mrs. Geyer is a sister of the late Mrs. Roberts.

J. L. Murphy, the jeweler and optician employed in the Corner store, left last night for Beloit, where he has secured a position. Mr. Murphy made many friends during his short stay in Goodland and the best wishes of his acquaintances go with him to his new location.

George Webb, of Lincoln, Neb., who conducted the first barber shop in Goodland, is here this week. Mr. Webb was called here by the death of his mother, who died at the home of her son near Quinton, Friday afternoon. Mr. Webb left Goodland a number of years ago and located in Lincoln, where he is still following the barber trade.